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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE PCT NATIONAL STAGE APPLICATION OF  
GOETZ SCHEFFLER ET AL  
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/EP 03/12583  
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FOR: AMPHOTERIC FLUORESCENT  
WHITENING AGENTS  
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Examiner: unassigned

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## RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF INSUFFICIENT FEES

Sir:

The Applicants received a Notification of Insufficient Fees from USPTO amounting to \$400 for 2 independent claims over 3 on March 15, 2006.

The Applicants have spoken to the Office on two separate occasions, March 16<sup>th</sup> and again on May 23, 2006 concerning the above Notice. The Office has agreed that the Notification of Insufficient Fees is incorrect and that the Applicants have submitted claims totaling 16 with only 2 independent claims. Thus no additional fees are due for 2 independent claims over 3.

The Applicants respectfully request that the Office send a letter retracting the Notification of Insufficient Fees so that the Action may be removed from our docket.

Respectfully submitted,



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